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REFS: A. STATE 32074; B. STATE 26242

THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA
4, REF A.

1. THE EPMG HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING
THIS CONFERENCE. THELEADER OF THE ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION
WILL BE ATO ADDIS ANTENEH, DEPTY COMMISSIONER , PLANNING
COMMISSION. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ATO ADDIS HAS NOT
PARTICIPATED PREVIOUSLY IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES
OF THIS TYPE. ATO WOLLE CHEKOL, HEAD OF THE ECONOMIC
DEPARTMENT,MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO WILL
PROGABLY BE THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE DELEGATION,
PARTICIPATED IN THE UNCTAD IV MEETING AT NAIROBI
AND THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL
PROBABLY BE ADDITIONAL DELEGATES EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW
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WHO THEY WILL BE. ATO ADDIS IS A VERY SOFT-SPOKEN
INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY WITHOUT STRONG VIEWS ON INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. ATO WOLLE, WHO DEPARTED
FOR KINSHASA FEBRUARY 13, WILL HEAD THE ETHIOPIAN
DELEGATION TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH PRECEDE THE CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS MEETING. FOR ATO WOLLE'S VIEWS ON MAJOR

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ISSUES RELATED TO NEW INTERANTIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,
PLEASE SEE MEMCON DATED JUNE 21, 1976 (SUBJECT:
EPMG POSITIONS AT UNCTAD IV). IN ADDITION TO MEMCON
CITED ABOVE, ALSO SEE MEMCON DATED JUNE 21, 1976
(SUBJECT: EPMG AT UNCTAD IV; PARTICIPANTS: YOSEPH
WOLDE MICHAEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FOREIGN TRADE DE-

PARTMENT,MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND
SHAUN DONNELLY, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, U.S. EMBASSY).

2. IN GENERAL, EPMG HAS MADE PRACTICALLY NO PVHIC
STATEMENTS HAERE RELATED TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES/
NIEO. THE ONLY OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF WHICH THE
EMBASSY IS AWARE IS THAT OF ATO TEFERRA WOLDE-
SEMAYET, ACTING MINISTER OF FINANCE, AT MEETING OF
WORKING PARTY OF AFRICAN GOVERNORS OF THE IBRD AND
IMF. THIS STATEMENT IS ATTACHED TO ADDIS A-109
DATED AUGUST 13, 1976. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT EPMG
REGARDS THE ECA CONFERENCE AS AN ESSENTIALLY
TECHNICAL FORUM. DR. ASHARGRE YIGLETU, ACTING
MINISTER OF COMMERCE, HEADED ETHIOPIAN DELEGATIONS
TO UNCTAD IV AND THE MEXICO CITY SESSIONS WHICH, IN
OUR VIEW, THE EPMG REGARDED AS MORE POLICY
ORIENTED CONFERENCES. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT ETHIOPIAN
DELEGATION WILL PLAY VERY MINOR ROLE AT CONFERENCE.
TO THE EXTENT THAT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE
DISCUSSED,WE ANTICIPATE ETHIOPIA WILL SUPPORT THE
MORE EXTREME POSITIONS OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.
THE ONLY EXCEPTION MAY BE ETHIOPIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
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OPEC OIL PRICE INCREASES OF WHICH THE ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN VERY CRITICAL (SEE ADDIS 0057).

3. WITH RESPECT TO PROBLEM AREAS IN OUR ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ETHIOPIA (PARA 1, REFB), THERE
ARE CURRENTLY NO MAJOR OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES AT
THE POLICY OR THE PROJECT LEVEL. IN ADDITION, USAID/E
HAS HAD IMPROVED ACCESS IN RECENT MONTHS TO
EPMG OFFICIALS SO THAT OUR CONCERN IN THIS AREA HAS
RECEDED. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, PROBLEMS WITH THE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM RELATED TO ISSUES SUCH AS DELAYS IN EPMG DECISION
MAKING, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.
WE PRESUME, HOWEVER, THAT THESE TOPICS WOULD NOT
BE RAISED BY EPMG DELEGATES.

4. WE DOUBT THAT THE EPMG DEL WILL SEEK A MEETING
WITH US DEL. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD US DEL WISH
TO MEET WITH EPMG DEL, WE BELIVE THIS COULD BE
EASILY ARRANGED.

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